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BRITISH TRADE INTERESTS IN SOUTH CHINA.

MEMORIAL TO LORD SALISBURY.
The China Association has addressed a long memorial to Lord Salisbury on the China Question. The paragraphs relating to South China are given below:—

The examples of Madagascar and Tong-King might suffice to indicate similar danger from the admission of French interest or influence in the south.

It may be plausibly contended that a promise not to alienate any portion of Yunnan, Kwangsi, or Kwang-tung is consistent with the policy of Chinese integrity that Great Britain has assumed. But the pledge is in that case null and void.

The certainty that England would oppose alienation affords a sufficient guarantee. The demand of France is an assertion of special interest; and she can put forward no claim to assert such interest which England cannot meet.

Yunnan is contiguous with Burma as well as with Tong-King. If the French contemplate a railway to Yunnan from the south we are already constructing one from the west. If the Red River gives France a special interest in the south, the Yunnan gives England an equal interest in the north. If the trade of Tong-King with Yunnan amounted, in 1892, to £384,718, the trans-frontier trade of Burma amounted to £260,000, and is expanding at a more rapid rate.

The case of Yunnan may be one for arrangement; and if external influence cannot be altogether excluded Her Majesty's Government will doubtless consider how the interests of Tong-King and Burma can be consolidated so that free ingress and egress shall be preserved. The progress made with Tong-King railways has not been rapid; and the proposed extension to Yunnan may be long in completion. The principle at stake, however, claims attention; and the Association feels content with the example of Manchuria in view, no arrangement will be admitted that can be held to imply exclusive rights of industry or trade or anything short of equality of opportunity in commercial and industrial enterprise.

Yunnan is contiguous with Tong-King, whereas we have access to it only through the Chinese maritime port of Peking and the Chinese riverine port of Wuchow. But the trade of Tong-King with Kwangsi through the frontier station of Kowloon amounted, in 1892, to only £15,904.

Whereas the trade of Peking amounted to £669,000. The chief objective of the trade of Peking is Nanning, which can be reached by the West River from Hongkong.

But the governing purpose of French policy is to establish a south-west China railway to Tong-King. No jealousy need be felt of efforts directed to that end which do not exclude equal endeavour on the part of Hongkong; but it is conceived that the time has come when the opening of Nanning should be insisted on as a sine qua non.

Equally with the competition on the West River, Tong-King fears competition by means of a railway from Peking. It is suggested the permission be asked from the Chinese Government to construct the railway, on the same principle that France has required the construction of railways in Yunnan. Experience leads to apprehension that the creation of a French railway station in the Leitchow peninsula will be greatly to the advantage of French influence in Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

An analogy is not far to seek. Discussing the commercial future of Indo-China, some years ago, M. de Lamoignon remarked that, if Siam proposed to make a railway from Bangkok to the south-east coast, he would be by any means. The railway was commenced; the means were taken, and Siam appears to have abandoned the project for its completion until further aggression. It would be little surprising if the methods adopted in Siam were repeated upon occasion in Kwangtung.

It is suggested also that steps should be taken, promptly, to ensure the construction by British capital—if necessary even under British guarantee—of the long-talked-of line from Kowloon to Canton.

Contingently with Tong-King may give France a plausible excuse for alleging interest in Yunnan and Kwangsi. But the province of Kwangtung, with its great riverine port of Canton, lies at the back of British rights. The statements that British rights will be respected over an Anglo-American alliance. But Britain and the Empire will not relish being told even by Mr. Chamberlain that we cannot defend our rights with our own right hand. An alliance will always mean a subordination of initiative and freedom of action to the convenience of the other party. The ability to act unaided when the interests of the country demand is a power that Britain would not lightly abandon. Russia is pointed out as the coming foe, because it is the foe to the eastward of China and the political liberties of the entire Far East, in which the prestige and interests of the Empire are so largely engaged. Lord Salisbury, speaking with greater reserve, says much the same thing. Mr. Chamberlain would go so far as to sound a trumpet call to arms, or something very like it. The Continental Powers, ever sensitive to rumours of war, do appear to believe that something serious is in the air. The Topicalist thinks that they are not far wrong.

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THE PACIFIC CABLE.

The following letter appeared in a recent issue of the Sydney Morning Herald:—

I wish the press would advocate the construction of a Pacific cable. Occasionally there have been agitations in favour of this; but they are like a 'flash in the pan.' What is everybody's business is nobody's business. Business men suffer serious losses annually owing to the mutilation of their cable messages between here and Europe and America. The cable should be constructed by Government. Few business men are to be found in Parliament, so the importance of good cable service is one of the things that good politicians are in touch with.

The cable via Asia and Europe to England goes through many lands, any one of which may become hostile and cut off from the world in these troublous times. Was there ever such an exposure as appeared in the press lately, when it was shown that the rates charged on through cables were above local rates.

I do not anticipate that the hampering of commerce through inefficient cable service would have any effect on getting up a new cable, but I did really think that when the cable was stopped at the time of the cricket match, an event of such national importance would have the effect of improving the service. Some day Australians will realize that they are like the Spaniards who blew the lights out and went to bed when the American fleet captured Manila. If England got embroiled in war, one of the first acts, doubtless, of the enemy would be to cut the present cables. Just picture our position in Australia, looking into the great unknown for an indefinite period.

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REMARKABLE PHENOMENON IN THE CHINA SEA.

Kobe, May 18.—The S.S. *Charthouse*, which arrived here on Sunday from Singapore via Yokohama, reports having had a splendid passage. The vessel was formerly the *Star*, of the Ocean Steamship Company, and was purchased a few months ago by her present owner, Mr. E. Nathan, a large stock and share broker in Singapore.

The trip up to Japan has been one of extreme interest to those on board, and early in the morning of the 4th instant, when in Lat. 16° 27' N. and Long. 119° 48' E., Chief Officer Duncan noticed a water-spout about five miles distant on the starboard side of the steamer. As the water rose, seemingly at a considerable height, it formed itself in conical shape, and then fell in rocket-like wreaths and sprays before the bright rays of the morning sun. Receding, the water took a spiral form, and fell in arch-like shape. The phenomenon lasted several minutes, and the scene effected was of extreme grandeur.

When in Lat. 7° 51' N. Long. 139° E., the American barque *Pennsylvania* of Boston was sighted. Captain Harry Smith at once signalled her. 'War is declared,' but the information was apparently not required, for the barque proceeded on her course totally ignoring the *Charthouse* signals.

But perhaps the most interesting of the incidents of the trip took place when the steamer was off Cape Bohol, bearing 170 miles, and also when almost abreast of the Philippines. The illumination of the clouds at intervals during the night could be heard sounds of distant firing, a strong wind blowing off the land at the time. Nothing could be seen, however, to indicate that a naval engagement was going on, except at intervals dense volumes of smoke were seen belching outwards from the land. The scene created intense interest among the passengers while it lasted.—*Chronicle*.

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Tan 'Weekly Topicalist' writes in the Singapore Free Press:—Mr. Chamberlain's speech has been the surprise of the week. There are domestic reasons why Mr. Chamberlain, who took to his widower bosom an American lady, his second matrimonial experiment, should be optimistic over an Anglo-American alliance. But Britain and the Empire will not relish being told even by Mr. Chamberlain that we cannot defend our rights with our own right hand. An alliance will always mean a subordination of initiative and freedom of action to the convenience of the other party. The ability to act unaided when the interests of the country demand is a power that Britain would not lightly abandon. Russia is pointed out as the coming foe, because it is the foe to the eastward of China and the political liberties of the entire Far East, in which the prestige and interests of the Empire are so largely engaged. Lord Salisbury, speaking with greater reserve, says much the same thing. Mr. Chamberlain would go so far as to sound a trumpet call to arms, or something very like it. The Continental Powers, ever sensitive to rumours of war, do appear to believe that something serious is in the air. The Topicalist thinks that they are not far wrong.

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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide given at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 ft. 1 in. and on the range at Lamoon Dock, Aberdeen, add 13 ft. 9 in. the height given in the table.

Let us put June.

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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	10	3000	Commander Smith Dorrien	Chefoo
Algerine	despatch-vessel	1050	6	1805	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Chefoo
Archer	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comdr. C. J. Kingsmill	Chefoo
Barfleur	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Capt. R. N. Custance	Hongkong
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4350	10	9000	Capt. R. J. Montgomery	Chefoo
Centurion	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Jellicoe	Chefoo
Daphne	despatch-vessel	1150	8	2000	Commander Galloway.	Foochow
Eck	g.-b. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Hankow
Fame	torpedo boat-destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. A. Gillitt	Chefoo
Firedread	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	360		Hongkong
Gibraltar	cruiser, 1st class	7700	12	12,000	Capt. H. F. Hughes-Hallett	en route
Grafton	cruiser, 1st class	73 0	12	12 050	Capt. E. B. Jones	Chefoo
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Chefoo
Har	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Chefoo
Hornet	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. G. A. Gallaghan	en route
Humber	storeship	1540	—	800		Shantung
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	6600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Manila
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3500	9	9000	Capt. H. T. Duding	Chefoo
Linnet	gunboat, 2nd class	756	2	870	Lieut.-Com. P. S. St. John	Hongkong
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5500	12	8500	Comdr. W. C. O. Forsyth	Chefoo
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	750	8	1200	Com. W. W. Smythe.	Hongkong
Phoenix	gunboat, 1st class	1050	8	1400	Capt. Cochrane	Chemulpo
Piercy	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser, 2nd class	3500	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Curry	Hongkong
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Hornsey	Singapore
Powerful	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Capt. Hon. H. Lambton	Chefoo
Rattler	gunboat, 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hongkong
Redpole	gunboat, 1st class	805	5	1200	Lieut. C. F. R. Coode	Swallow
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	768	8	970	Lieut. Beaumont	Manila
Tamar	receiving ship	2047	—	800	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Twoed	5-1st class coast defence	363	2	200		Hongkong
Undaunted.	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5500	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Chefoo
Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,800	15	12,000	Capt. A. Schomberg	Chefoo
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. Barton	Chefoo
Wyvern	coast defence ship armoured	2750	4	1000		Hongkong

